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SUBJECT: VORSTER-KAUNDA MEETING AT VICTORIA FALLS

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA JUST PHONED ME TO SAY PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HAD AGREED TO MEET AT MUSI-O-TUNYA HOTEL AT LIVINGSTONE TOMORROW AUGUST 25 PRIOR TO OPENING SESSION AT VICTORIA FALLS AND WILL ATTEND THIS FIRST BRIDGE MEETING BETWEEN IAN SMITH AND ANC NATIONALISTS AS OBSERVERS. FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE AT 1800 LOCAL TIME LUSAKA. OAU SYG AND UN SYG PLUS ALL ZAMBIAN MISSIONS BEING ADVISED. LATTER IN SOME CASES BEING ASKED TO COMMUNICATE NEWS TO HOST GOVERNMENTS.

2. CHONA EXPLAINED THAT DECISION OF KAUNDA TO MEET VORSTER AND BOTH TO STAY AROUND VICTORIA FALLS WHILE MEETING IN PROGRESS BASED ON ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT'S DECISION "TO TAKE THE FINAL

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PLUNGE AND PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE TO AVERT THE WORST." SAID

DIRECT OVERSEEING BY VORSTER AND KAUNDA SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR
TO WORLD WHO IS RESPONSIBLE PARTY IF THE TALKS BREAK OFF.

3. AM TOLD FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN VORSTER AND KAUNDA REACHED
ONLY THIS MORNING WITH FLYING VISIT TO LUSAKA AND AIRPORT MEETING
BETWEEN CHONA AND BRAND FOURIE OF SOUTH AFRICA WHO RETURNED TO
PRETORIA JUST BEFORE NOON TODAY.

4. BRITISH DEPUTY HICOM MCQUIGGAN JUST STOPPED IN TO SAY THAT
WHEN CHONA PASSED NEWS TO HIM HE SAID "FROM NOW ON ITS UP
THE BRITISH". UNDERSTAND DENNIS GRENNAN, CALLIGHAN'S SPECIAL
ASSISTANT FROM FCO IS STANDING BY IN LUSAKA WHILE UK HICOM
MILES IS WAITING AROUND IN LIVINGSTONE.
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